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SUBJ: NEXT STEPS ON SOUTH AFRICA: UK DEMARCHE

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GABORONE FOR ASST SECY EASUM

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR JAMES BOTTONLEY CALLED ON CHARGE TODAY TO SAY HE INSTRUCTED BY LONDON TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO SAG AS FOLLOW-UP TO TRIPLE VETO OF UN EXPULSION RESOLUTION, EMPHASIZING THAT VETO WAS NOT TO BE SEEN AS ENDORSEMENT OF SAG POLICIES BUT AS AN INDICATION OF THE NEED FOR SOME REAL CHANGES NOW IN SAG POLICIES ON APARTHEID, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

2. BOTTOMLEY SAID INSTRUCTIONS CALLED FOR HIM TO ACT AFTER CONSULTATION, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN CONCERT, WITH FRENCH AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES, AND HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT IDEA FOR DEMARCHE MAY HAVE COME FROM US DELEGATION AT UN.

3. CHARGE, NOTING AWARENESS OF CONSULTATIONS IN NY (PER
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REFTEL) AND IMPRESSION THAT USUN SEEMED INCLINED SUPPORT

DEMARCHIE IDEA BUT HAD NOT ORIGINATED IT, SAID EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT. CHARGE ALSO NOTED THAT ESSENTIAL POINTS OF PROPOSED DEMARCHIE HAD BEEN MADE IN RECENT PRESS STATEMENTS BY ASST SECY EASUM IN DAR ES SALAAM AND LUSAKA (AS WELL AS IN UN) AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY COME UP IN TALKS WITH SAG OFFICIALS IN PRETORIA NEXT WEEK.

4. BOTTOMLEY, HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM LONG LEAVE, HAS TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH SA FONMIN MULLER NOV 7. HE HOPES HE MIGHT HAVE CASUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AT OPENING OF COLORED PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ON FRIDAY, NOV. 8, BUT DOES NOT PLAN TO REQUEST A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT WITH VORSTER.

5. DESPITE VORSTER SPEECH YESTERDAY (REPORTED SEPTTEL), BOTTOMLEY WAS NOT SANGUINE THERE WOULD BE ANY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN NEXT SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS AND DOUBTED VORSTER WOULD CHANGE POLICIES SIMPLY BECAUSE OF WESTERN DEMARCHES. HE THOUGHT VORSTER WOULD IN ANY EVENT KEEP SA POLICE IN RHODESIA UNLESS OR UNTIL THERE WERE SOME KIND OF SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT BETWEEN SMITH AND RHODESIAN AFRICANS.
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